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Dear [REDACTED]

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Thanks for your letter of October 24th asking for our views on your estimates of USSR production of pig iron, steel and rolled steel, 1945 to 1950, inclusive.

Your production figures fall within the range of estimates made by competent students of the Soviet economy. Estimates of raw steel production for 1950 and projected estimates for the future are controversial because of the varying views on the rate of increase. We would like to see those engaged in research on the Soviet iron and steel industry concentrate on the factors that will have significant effects on the rate of increase in production of raw steel during the next few years.

If you should be willing to consider continuing research on the Soviet bloc's iron and steel industry on a full-time basis in Washington with this Agency, may I suggest correspondence with Mr. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is familiar with this interchange of letters.

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Sincerely yours,

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